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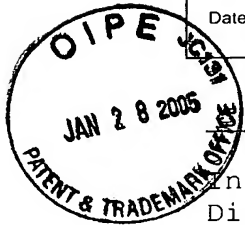
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the election/restriction requirement issued from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 30, 2004, the shortened statutory period for response being set to expire on January 30, 2005. In view of the below remarks, an action on the merits is respectfully awaited.

In the Official Action, the Examiner has divided the pending claims, i.e., claims 1-9, into two distinct Groups. Specifically, the Group I invention has been identified by the Examiner as corresponding to claims 1-6 and the Group II invention has been identified by the Examiner as corresponding to claims 7-9.

Applicants herewith elect without traverse the Group I invention corresponding to claims 1-6 for prosecution on the merits in this application. Applicants specifically reserve the right to file the non-elected claims, i.e., claims 7-9 in a

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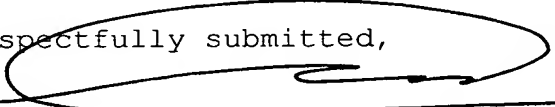
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divisional application should the election/restriction requirement be made final.

In view of Applicant's traversal of the restriction requirement, an action on the merits is respectfully awaited as to claims 1-6. If, for any reason, the Examiner is of the opinion that the foregoing action cannot be taken, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (908) 654-5000 so as to overcome any additional objections he may have. In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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